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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, February 4.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .08.
Temperature, Max. 77; Min. 64. Weather, variable.



ESTABLISHED JULY 2, 1854.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.75c. Per Ton, \$75.00.
88 Analysis Beets, 10c. Per Ton, \$82.20.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1908.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.



THE CONGRESSIONAL PARTY THAT WAS HERE LAST YEAR, THE MEMBERS OF WHICH BANQUETED DELEGATE KALANIANAOLE YESTERDAY

HAWAIIAN-BORN JAPANESE ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS

Interesting Statements of Law on Subject by Governor and Secretary—Prominent Japanese Having Children Certified.

"All persons who were citizens of the Republic of Hawaii on August 12, 1898, are citizens of the United States."

"The constitution of the Republic of Hawaii made all persons born or naturalized in the Hawaiian Islands and subject to the jurisdiction thereof citizens of that republic. And the Organic Act says:

"That all persons who were citizens of the Republic of Hawaii on August twelfth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, are hereby declared to be citizens of the United States and citizens of the Territory of Hawaii. And all citizens of the United States resident in the Hawaiian Islands who were resident there on or since August twelfth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and all citizens of the United States who shall hereafter reside in the Territory of Hawaii for one year shall be citizens of the Territory of Hawaii."

Such was the answer given by Secretary E. A. Mott-Smith to an Advertiser reporter seeking an authoritative definition of the status of Japanese born in Hawaii before annexation.

"It was held, in 169 U. S. 649," the Secretary continued, "that a Chinese person becomes a citizen of the United States when born in the United States, no matter what the citizenship of his father and mother, provided the parents are domiciled permanently in the country and doing business there not connected with the Chinese diplomatic or consular service."

Mr. Mott-Smith presumed that naturally the law as thus construed would apply to Japanese as well as to Chinese. It is a different question from the exclusion of Asiatics generally.

LIVE WIRE CAUSE OF SMALL BLAZE LAST NIGHT

A live wire set fire to the electric switchboard in Lucas Brothers' mill, on lower Fort Street, last night about half past ten o'clock, but fortunately the blaze was noticed by Electrician A. M. McGunn before it had gained any headway. McGunn rung in an alarm and less than half a minute's work with the chemical engine settled the fire. The electrician had been called by the night watchman to repair another break in the wire, across the street from the mill, and his presence there and the promptness with which the fire department responded to his alarm prevented what might easily have been a big blaze.

CONGRESSIONAL FRIENDS OF HAWAII BANQUET DELEGATE

(Special Cablegram to A. L. C. Atkinson.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—This evening the Congressional party which visited Hawaii last year will give a banquet to Delegate Kalaniana'ole.

TEN CARS DROP INTO HARBOR

Accident in Harbor Dredging Operations Will Delay Paraders Depending on Baseball Trustees Not to Spoil the Big Event.

Quite a serious accident occurred yesterday afternoon in connection with the dredging work now going on under the \$400,000 contract for harbor improvement. Fortunately no one was seriously injured, but ten cars were dropped to the bottom of the harbor, and at dark last night none of them had been recovered.

In these dredging operations, the spoil from the dredger is loaded on cars which are on scows, and the scows are then hauled over to the landing. Here a ferry slip has been constructed with an apron to drop down on the scows to equalize the changes in the tide. Yesterday afternoon a scow with ten loaded cars was brought up to the landing. The apron was let down and the ten cars were drawn up on the apron. Just at this stage, according to the reports, the apron gave way either through the breaking of the cables which support it, or in some other way, and the ten cars ran back down the apron toward the scow. As they ran off the apron they struck the scow, pushed it away from the landing, and dropped down to the bottom of the harbor. The accident to the apron released a weight which counterbalanced the apron and this, dropping, struck Jock McGuire slightly injuring his hand or forearm.

Until these ten cars are fished out, no more scows can land at this landing and dredging work is at a standstill.

THE KNUDSENS ARE NOT BIG LANDOWNERS

"Some of the papers have gone wrong entirely on the Knudsen land matter," said a Kauai man yesterday. "The Knudsens are not big landowners who want to increase their estate. As a matter of fact the brothers do not own two acres between them; all the soil they occupy is leased from the Government. The time has come when they want to acquire a foothold on the island where their family has worked for two generations and they are asking for a sandy stretch which grows nothing now and is only good for sisal. I understand that one or the other will leave Hawaii if he cannot get a suitable homestead on Kauai."

HAVE HOPES OF SECURING PARK

Paraders Depending on Baseball Trustees Not to Spoil the Big Event.

"Ten times the interest seems to be taken in the Floral Parade this year than ever before," reported Chairman Gartley at the meeting of the heads of committees held in his office yesterday afternoon for the purpose of comparing notes and so dovetailing arrangements that things will go smoothly on February 22. And in very much the same enthusiastic way the other officials of the celebration committee reported progress.

The only hitch, and it is a most important one, is the uncertainty regarding the use of the baseball park as a reviewing place for the parade. It was generally agreed among the members of the committee, after the situation had been canvassed and the other parks and squares of the city figured over and discussed, that without the use of the baseball grounds the affair would be rather a fizzle. The whole matter depends on the baseball league trustees, of which D. P. R. Isenberg is president, and the committee felt yesterday that this body would not allow the whole holiday plan to be wrecked. At the meeting it was thought that if the diamond be fenced off, to prevent the horses from running over it, the trustees would allow the use of the grounds.

PATRONESSES AND PRIZE-GIVERS.

It was resolved to ask Mrs. Frear, wife of Governor Frear, to distribute the prizes, and an invitation to Queen Liliuokalani to be a guest of honor of the committee and review the parade will also be sent.

For marshal of the day, Harry von Holt has been asked to officiate, and has consented, a selection which proves very welcome to the members of the committee. Charles F. Chillingworth, who was marshal last year, will be asked to assist Mr. von Holt this year as assistant marshal.

INQUIRIES INVITED.

Throughout the meeting it was stated repeatedly that there would not be time between now and the holiday for the individual members of the committee to see personally all they would like to participate in the various sections. The committee is anxious to do

KING MANUEL'S CAPITAL GETTING MORE COMPOSED

The New Ministry Will Not Continue the Old Policies—Elections Are to Be Held in April Next.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

LISBON, February 5.—The tension is slackening. The new cabinet is committed to a reversal of Franco's policies. The elections will be held in April.

LISBON, February 4.—King Manuel II. is improving. The new Premier has assumed the Ministry of the Interior.

Former Premier Franco is said to have taken refuge on board a British cruiser.

JAPAN INCREASES TAXES.

TOKIO, February 5.—After a heated debate in the Diet yesterday, the bill to increase the taxes on sugar, sake, alcohol, beer and kerosene passed by a majority of 94.

TRANSPACIFIC STEAMERS.

VANCOUVER, February 5.—The steamers Glenfarg and Lennox have been chartered for the Oriental run.

THE ROUTE OF THE ARMADA.

PUNTA ARENAS, Chile, February 4.—The battleship fleet of Admiral Evans will make an informal call at Valparaiso out of courtesy to the Chilean people. The torpedo fleet, which precedes the battleships, has entered the Strait of Magellan.

FAMINE AND BORDER TROUBLES.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 4.—Three and a half millions have been appropriated for the famine sufferers.

Five thousand troops have been sent to the Persian frontier in anticipation of trouble with the Turks.

ANOTHER BLOW AT JAPAN.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, February 4.—The anti-Asiatic sentiment of the Transvaal has culminated in a movement to boycott all Asiatics.

PENSION AGENCIES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 3.—The new pension bill concentrates all pension agencies in Washington.

ESCAPED CONVICTS ARE REPORTED AT WAIPAHU

The Japanese papers yesterday published reports of the recent visits of Lopez and Rodriguez, the escaped Porto Rican bandits, to the Waipahu plantation, around which they are said to have been robbing during the past week. On January 26 they first appeared there holding up a Japanese named Konyuki near the Shiozawa camp and taking a considerable sum of money away from him, this being the second time this same Japanese has run across the pair. Three days ago the Porto Ricans were seen by the field hands coming out of the cane in field eighteen. The published reports state that the Japanese at Waipahu are very much alarmed at the neighborhood of the two desperate men.

THE FLEET RECEPTION MOVEMENT SHAPING

James F. Morgan, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and F. L. Waldron, representing the Merchants' Association, had a conference with Governor Frear yesterday with reference to preparing for the fleet, in the way, primarily, of entertainment and, secondarily, being ready to furnish supplies to the ships.

"It is probable," the Governor said later, "that a general meeting will be held on the subject in the course of a few weeks, with a view to having a general committee appointed which can appoint sub-committees."

HACK DRIVER POWERS HELD FOR MANSLAUGHTER

As the result of the findings of the coroner's jury last night regarding the causes leading to the death of a little Japanese child named Tamana Tsugi, Jack Powers, driver of hack number 12, is charged with manslaughter and held by the police. At the inquest it was shown by the evidence of those who witnessed the accident on Sunday afternoon, in Auld's lane, that the hack was driven through the lane at a furious rate of speed; that the little girl, a two-year-old baby, ran across the road just in time to be knocked down and run over, the speed of the horse being such that the driver could not check it in time to avoid the accident. The wheels passed over the lower part of the child's body, causing internal injuries from which she died at the Queen's Hospital yesterday morning.

As passengers in the hack were two Hawaiian women, who testified strongly in favor of the driver, their story being to the effect that the children, of whom the victim was one, were standing at one side of the road when they were first seen, and stood there until the hack was very close, when they all ran across the road, the little girl being the last and unable to dodge the rig as the others had done.

Deputy County Attorney Milverton was present at the inquest on behalf of his department, and C. F. Chillingworth represented the parents of the dead child. Powers was not represented by attorney. On the jury were M. K. Pukui, J. Ernstberg, J. B. Alauwahine, J. Kalaoawa, J. E. Chamberlain and Nohuano.

CHICKENPOX AT WAIMEA.

The report that smallpox was epidemic at Waimea, Kauai, proves to be untrue. Dr. Ramus of the United States Marine Hospital and Quarantine Service, when the report first reached Honolulu, sent a request to the representative of the service on Kauai, Dr. A. H. Waterhouse, to go to Waimea and make an investigation. This Dr. Waterhouse did, and has sent his report to Dr. Ramus. Dr. Waterhouse reports that the disease which is epidemic is not smallpox, but chickenpox.